

REMARKS

The subject application originally had claims 1-7. In the April 20, 2005 Office Action the examiner had allowed claim 7, had rejected claims 1 and 4 and had objected to claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In applicant's response to the April 20, 2005 Action, applicant amended claim 2 to incorporate claims 1 and 2, per the examiner's allowability decision so that claims 2, 3 and 5-7 were assumed by applicant to be allowable. However, in the recent January 4, 2006 Office Action, the examiner reversed direction and has now rejected claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Anderson et al. reference.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are herein cancelled, without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue these claims in a continuing or divisional application. Accordingly, claims 1-6 are now cancelled from the application, without prejudice, with the only remaining claim being allowed claim 7, and for the foregoing reasons applicant submits that a Notice of Allowance should now be issued for **claim 7**. Early action toward this end is solicited.

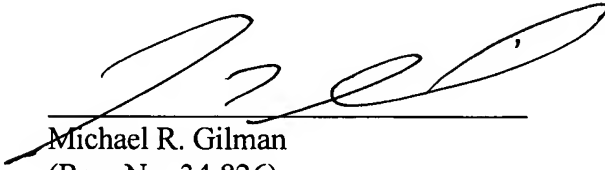
A request for a one-month extension is enclosed, along with a check in the amount of \$120 to cover the extension fee for a large entity for one month. Applicant does not believe any additional fees are required. However, in the event there are any additional fees due and owing in connection with this matter, or there are any overpayments herein, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223, with applicant reserving its right herein to later object to any such charge made by the Office.

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite any detail of the prosecution, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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